(d) Whenever vacancies for cabin crew in the national carrier arise, advertisements are issued and necessary concessions as per Government rules are given to the Scheduled Tribe candidates. On their selection as Cabin Crew, they are imparted in-house training as per guidelines issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). DGCA does not recognise any course offered by private agencies for air hostess training.

Pilferation of baggage/luggage at Delhi and Mumbai airports

5. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the baggage/luggage of passengers are stolen by some mafias at the Delhi and Mumbai airports;

(b) if so, details of complaints received in this regard during the last three years;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in such incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure that in future baggage/luggage may not be misplaced/pilferated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from Delhi and Mumbai Police.

(e) Scheduled domestic airlines have taken *inter alia* following steps to curb incidents of theft/pilferage at airports:

Passengers are advised not to carry their jewellery and cash in their checked-in-baggage; In-house vigilance team of airlines at major airports to check cases of theft/pilferage; All loaders are frisked thoroughly before and after the loading;Enhanced vigilance at airports; Loading/unloading of checked in bagage under supervision of Security/Airport services staff; Automated Baggage Reconciliation system at metros to reduce instances of such mishandling; External training is imparted to ramp staff (especially loaders) on baggage handling; Surveilance is maintained on check in baggages by Security/commercial personnel from X-ray BIS Baggage Make up Area and still loading in the aircraft; CIW (Crime & Intelligence Wing) staff has been geared up/to enhance the surveillance in and around the airport premises. The CCTV coverage of the airport is being progressively improved to curb undersirable activities; Crack teams to conduct surprise checking and frisking of loaders have been formed.

Efficacy of ILS and Category-III system at IGI Airport

6. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) is not functioning properly, causing inconvenience to passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;